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2 July 1949

The following aircraft were parked in front of the hangars at the KOETHEN (M 52/L 95) airfield. 18 Yak fighters with retractable tail wheel and red propeller hubs; 8 biplanes; some LA aircraft with retractable tail wheel.

2. 6 July 1949

Eighteen Yaks were parked at the KOETHEN airfield and one Boston-III took off.

3. 12 July 1949

The following aircraft were observed at the KOETHEN airfield: Eighteen Yak fighters; eight biplanes, twelve LA fighters which, for the first time, were observed to have red propeller hubs. Day and night flying practices together and firing at air and ground targets were observed.

4. According to a charwoman, the air force units stationed at the KOETHEN airfield have been increased by small groups of soldiers since 1 July 1949. Farmers moved the grass on the landing field on 3 and 10 July 1949.

5. Many of the air force personnel at the KOETHEN airfield wore decorations. A new uniform with necktie was observed for the first time.

6. 20 July 1949

The following aircraft were observed at the KOETHEN airfield: Eleven LA fighters; nine Yak. No Boston-IIIs were seen. There was intensive flight training. The field was still occupied by 400 to 500 air force personnel. A wooden garage had been built on the eastern field border; five similar buildings were under construction.

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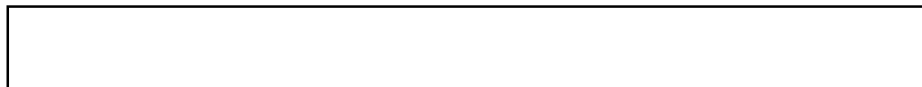


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COMMENT:

a. The report confirms previous information that the KOETHEN airfield is occupied by Yaks, A-20s and some PO-2s. The A-20s and LAs are assumed to be assigned to a fighter regiment. The numerical designation of the two regiments is not known.

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